



The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) Meeting
October 3, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Attendance and Minutes

Commission Members Present: Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair), Theodore W. Becker (Mayor of Lewes), Trinidad Navarro (DOI), Secretary Rick Geisenberger (DOF), Dr. Edmondo Robinson (ChristianaCare), and Dennis Rochford (Maritime Exchange for DE River & Bay), Richard Heffron, and Molly Magarik (DHSS Deputy Secretary and delegate for Secretary Kara Odom Walker)

Commission Member Absent: Robert Dunleavy, LCSW (DSCYF), Dr. Kathleen Matt (UD), Dr. Jan Lee (DHIN), and Secretary Kara Odom Walker (DHSS)

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair)

Health Care Commission Staff: Elisabeth Scheneman, Executive Director and Marques Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

The October DHCC meeting convened at approximately 9:03 a.m. at the Del Tech Terry Campus in the Corporate Training Center located at 100 Campus Drive, Dover, Delaware. Dr. Fan welcomed those in attendance and shared the meeting agenda order was going to change slightly. The first item of business is the “My Healthy Community” presentation.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

My Healthy Community

Dr. Tabatha Offutt-Powell, Dr. P.H, M.P.H, DHSS, Division of Public Health (DPH), presented on “My Healthy Community,” a project that launched in May 2019. My Healthy Community is a data sharing platform that is meant to be used by the community to help make decisions and be informed about the data specific to their community. The three primary audiences are statewide leadership, community-based organizations, and hospitals and health practitioners. Dr. Offutt-Powell shared there are major categories (87 indicators), all around population health, that are included in the website with some being more fully developed than others based on the data available. DPH is continuing to update the website and incorporate new data. Next, Dr. Offutt-Powell proceeded with a demonstration on how to

use and navigate the website: <https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov>. To summarize, the site provides health data at the smallest geography possible, the data has gone through a HIPAA certification process, and enhancements are forthcoming (including map enhancements that will be more user friendly). She shared the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) provided the initial funding for the project. SIM and state sources have also financially supported the project which have helped build out the various population health measures.

Dennis Rochford asked if Dr. Offutt-Powell could share what the deprivation index is that was mentioned of the slides. Also, one of the slides had 7-year spectrum of drug overdose deaths. Given what has happened with opioids, looking at that 7-year data, can one go back the past 2-years and check opioid incidence. Dr. Offutt-Powell shared that for some of the data, the numbers are small and when possible, they will try to release, however, for this instance, it was not possible because it did not meet HIPAA certification. There are many algorithms used and different requirements for the mapping process. The deprivation index takes census data and incorporates an algorithm that shows areas that are deprived, an upstream social determinant of health.

Secretary Geisenberger commented he is chair of GEAR (Government Efficiency & Accountability Review) and one of GEAR's focus is to look at the state's GIS mapping capabilities. It sounds like My Healthy Community has challenges because of the HIPAA aspect which makes it difficult to fully integrate with what the state might be doing in other areas where we do not have those HIPAA type of issues. Secretary Geisenberger was interested in how integrative My Healthy Community could be with the First Map. He also asked to what extent is data going into the open data portal or can't because of HIPAA. Dr. Offutt-Powell mentioned it has not quite made it there yet, but is being worked on. Secretary Geisenberger asked how DNREC environment information could be integrated with the My Healthy Community data. Dr. Offutt-Powell mentioned it is a project in the works with DNREC.

Commissioner Navarro asked if any of the drug overdose data was being used for prevention purposes. Dr. Offutt-Powell shared there is an internal dashboard the public cannot see – with timely data that is being looked at from a strategic response perspective. Deputy Secretary Molly Magarik added legislation recently passed that addresses data sharing between law enforcement and Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH). The legislation allows law enforcement officers to share an individual's identifying information with DSAMH if the officer suspects the individual is suffering from an overdose or a mental health crisis, allowing DSAMH to connect the individual with behavioral health treatment services.

Public Comment:

John Gentile shared the Office of Civil Rights with the U.S Department of Health and Human Services is working on data and HIPAA modifications. He asked if data files can be accessed from My Healthy Community website. Dr. Offutt-Powell shared they are trying to share information on the open data portal when possible.

Joann Haase asked if when they collect the data on prescriptions written, is there a way that they differentiated between recent surgery, dental care, long-term pain, etc. Dr. Offutt-Powell responded that the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) data that they receive is following the CDC definitions

and she cannot speak to PMP data. DPH receives the summary measures that are code level. Joann also commented if the website is intended for community use, she suggests a glossary of terms should be created. Dr. Offutt-Powell responded there are tool tips beside the measures that help the user understand definitions.

Lolita Lopez commented that the project was a top priority of the Healthy Neighborhoods work related to the SIM Grant and what we need to empower communities.

Dr. Offutt-Powell's presentation is available at:

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/files/myhlthcommtypresentation.pdf>

Approval of September 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Fan requested that the commissioners review the draft minutes from the DHCC meeting held on September 5, 2019. Dr. Robinson commented that with respect to the DIDER meeting minutes' section, the Commission should also include a recommendation on a licensure timeline. Dr. Fan suggested that it could be discussed at the upcoming Strategic Retreat scheduled for November 22, 2019.

Hearing no additional comments or edits, Dr. Fan motioned for the minutes to be approved. Ted Becker motioned to approve the minutes, and Dr. Robinson seconded the motion for approval. All commissioners present were in favor of approving the September 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried. View the approved September 5, 2019, meeting minutes here:

https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/Document/61000_Minutes-Final.pdf

BOARD BUSINESS

Strategic Retreat Discussion

Dr. Fan mentioned that Dean Kathleen Matt is rotating off the board (she was not able to attend today's meeting). She will, however, attend the Strategic Retreat and the Commission will do a greater acknowledgement of her service at that time. The Governor has appointed Nick Moriello, President of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware, will be joining the Board as of November. Rich Heffron was reappointed by the Senate.

Next, Dr. Fan shared the DHCC Annual Report is due to the General Assembly on January 15, 2020. Most of the content of the report will come from the boards the DHCC oversees as well as discussions from the Retreat and other DHCC Board meetings. For this year's Retreat, Dr. Fan asked the commissioners what other content they would like to discuss. Dr. Devona Williams will be the moderator again. The Retreat is a public meeting and scheduled for November 22 from 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at a to be determined location in the Newark area. Secretary Geisenberger suggested the Commission discuss the role of the DHCC in health care workforce development. There are many groups focused on workforce development, but unsure if there is a group looking at just health care. Deputy Secretary Molly Magarik commented on the other end of the spectrum, the demographics of the state our shifting with individuals coming to Delaware to retire with long-term care needs. DHSS had

consistently brought up in the JFC hearings that even if there was a magic wand to address the backlog, the workforce does not exist. Dr. Fan mentioned recruitment and infrastructure. Do we have the training and programs in place?

Dr. Fan asked the commissioners if there were any additional topics for the Retreat. Hearing none, she concluded that a preliminary agenda would be shared with the commissioners at the November DHCC meeting for review and discussion. She also asked a final time if any commissioners had any additional suggestions for the Annual Report. None were given.

UPDATES

State Loan Repayment

Dr. Fan provided an update about the state loan repayment program by first mentioning a new brochure was created for the federal loan repayment program (SLRP). She then referenced [HB 257](#) in the commissioners' packets. The bill is essentially the outline of what a state-sponsored loan repayment program would look like (qualifications, structure, etc.) It has been discussed, at the state level, adding a state sponsored loan program to the DHSS budget. The state program is being called the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program and an Advisory Workgroup related to the program has been created. The Advisory Committee's first meeting is scheduled for October 15 and will most likely be held in New Castle. It is a public meeting.

Primary Care Collaborative

Dr. Nancy Fan provided an update about the Primary Care Collaborative (PCC) which held their first meeting of the fall on September 17. The co-chairs are Representative Bentz, Senator Townsend, and Dr. Fan. The Collaborative now consists of 17 total members. The meetings are public and held at Medical Society of Delaware. Meeting materials are available on the DHCC website under the [Primary Care Collaborative tab](#).

At the September 17 meeting, a national overview was shared and there was a discussion about the Primary Care First CMS payment model. On a side note, Dr. Fan mentioned CMS had a high-level meeting with stakeholders in the weeks prior about the Primary Care First payment model, rural health, and social determinants. At the meeting, CMMI Director Adam Boehler, shared he hoped the payment model that is being developed for Primary Care First is a multi-payer model and that the states participating would be able to expand into a multi-payer model and have 60% of providers participate in a value-based payment model.

The second segment of the September PCC meeting was a discussion around the definition of primary care spending. The Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative, a non-profit organization, released a publication in July 2019 that did a state-level analysis of primary care spend in over 29 states. Delaware was not included and did not contribute data to the report. The study concluded that the average spend across the United States, using a narrow definition of primary care providers, was 5% - 7%. The narrow definition of primary care providers includes geriatrics, internal medicine, pediatricians, and

family practice. The study also included a broad definition which includes behavioral health and women's health and preventative services. Within the broad definition, the primary care spend is about 10% across the United States. The biggest sticking point that was discussed at the meeting is – where does the data come from? Knowing the metrics for primary care spend is very important and there needs be alignment on the definition with insurers and providers. The definition will be very useful for the new Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery office within the Department of Insurance. The next Primary Care Collaborative meeting will be held on October 21.

SIM Closeout Materials

The State Innovation Model (SIM) grant ended on January 31, 2019. Dr. Fan shared the final reports are available on the [DHCC website](#) and [ChooseHealth website](#). The ChooseHealth website also has a portal where one can search for all materials, reports, and presentations from the SIM grant. Deputy Secretary Molly Magarik commented that she would like to acknowledge people like Lolita Lopez and so many others in the room that were so instrumental setting the table to acquire the grant and the countless hours spent over the period of the grant. So many people stepped forward and the work continues.

Highlights on the SIM closeout are available at:

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/files/simcloseout.pdf>

Marketplace

Commissioner Navarro provided a Marketplace update and shared there will be a 19% decrease on the Marketplace. He gave credit to Dr. Walker and DHSS staff for their hard work to help this happen. The Marketplace has stabilized in Delaware and this will help small businesses in Delaware and those who do not receive insurance through their employers. Open enrollment starts November 1 and runs through December 15.

Secretary Geisenberger asked if there was a sense of what is happening nationally. Commissioner Navarro shared they tailored the Delaware program using other states successful plans like Maryland. Pennsylvania is moving to their own state-based exchange and think they will see a savings. Other states across the country received 1332 waivers, like Alaska, and saw their rates drop. Commissioner Navarro feels the overall market across the country has stabilized. Delaware has also codified the essential benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

ADJOURN

Dr. Fan asked if there were any questions or new business from the Commissioners. Hearing none, she asked if there was public comment.

Public Comment:

Christina Bryan with the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) shared the DHA Forum will be held at the Del Tech Terry campus on October 29. Topics include workforce, social determinants of health, and loneliness.

Shamarla McCoy of Planned Parenthood of Delaware spoke about a collaboration of local activist in regards to the issue of black women, maternal health, and morbidity. She shared her email address, seeking collaboration and access to any resources for help with their initiatives. Dr. Fan mentioned a few resources that might be of interest.

Jonathan Kirch from American Heart Association expressed his thoughts about the vaping and e-cigarettes. He urged commissioners to support initiatives restricting vaping as well as flavor bands. He expressed thanks for the work that reducing insurance premiums.

Secretary Geisenberger commented on work that has already been done, such as Tobacco 21 and that a comprehensive national response would be easier than a state by state response.

Deputy Secretary Molly Magarik shared that the DHSS Division of Public Health is closely monitoring the situation and collaborating with other states and the CDC.

Dr. Robinson commented in any other clinical setting, whether or not you know what the underlying cause is, people are dying – you stop doing that. You figure out the reason later.

Jill Fredel mentioned Dr. Rattay (DHSS Division of Public Health) will be having a press conference with reporters later that day on the vaping issue. An update will be provided.

Commissioner Navarro related some personal experience from a Dad perspective related to the vaping issue and expressed concern and the need to continue to address it.

Hearing no other business, Dr. Fan adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next DHCC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Delaware Health and Social Services campus located at 100 Campus Drive, Dover, Delaware located in the Del Tech Terry Campus; Corporate Training Center, 400 A/B from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Public Meeting Attendees 10/3/19

R.W. Munson, Jr.	United Medical
Robin Taylor	Department of Insurance
Fleur McKendell	Department of Insurance
Jan Brunory	Department of Insurance
Frank Pyle	Department of Insurance
John Gentile	Office of Senator Carper
Jill Fredel	Department of Health and Social Services
Lolita Lopez	Westside Family Healthcare
Elizabeth Zubaca	Hamilton Goodman Partners
Brian Olson	LaRed Health Center
Mary Fenimore	Medical Society of Delaware
Nina Figueroa	State Benefits Office
Shamarla McCoy	Planned Parenthood of DE
Jose Tieso	Medicaid
John Dodd	BDC – Health IT
Bill Howard	BDC – Health IT
Paula Roy	Delaware Chiropractic
Erin Ridout	DCADV
Kathy Collison	Division of Public Health
Tabitha Ponder	Division of Public Health
Maria Copps-Butler	SLP & ASL
Christine Schultz	PG&S
Joann Hasse	League of Women Voters
Sarah Ballentine	Wilmington University
Julia Janes	UMASS Boston
Tatiana Khaliava	Wilmington University
Shimada Sens	Wilmington University
Christina Bryan	DHA
Chris Manning	Nemours
Shay Scott	HJMC
Maggie Bent	Westside
Stacy Shiller	DHIN
Mary Kate McLaughlin	Drinker Biddle
Jonathan Kirch	American Heart Association